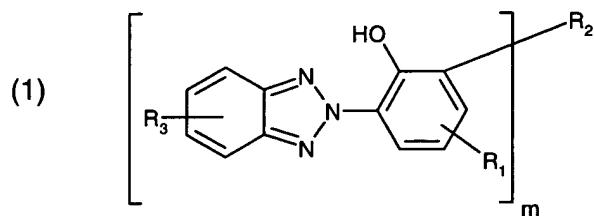


IN THE CLAIMS

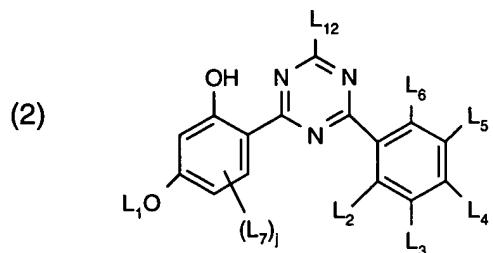
Please cancel without prejudice claims 18, 19 and 27-30.

Kindly replace claims 16, 17 and 26 by the following claims.

16. (amended) A method for protecting body-care and household products from photolytic degradation which comprises incorporating into a body care or household product a benzotriazole of formula



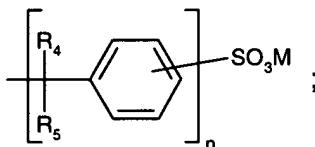
and/or a triazine compound of formula



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxycarbonyl; C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>aryl; aralkyl; -SO<sub>3</sub>M; a

radical of formula (1a)



M is alkali or ammonium;

R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxy; halogen; or hydroxy;

R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are each independently of the other hydrogen; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl;

m is 1 or 2;

n is 0 or 1;

if m = 1,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen; unsubstituted or phenyl-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>aryl; -SO<sub>3</sub>M;

if m = 2,

R<sub>2</sub> is a direct bond; -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>-; and

p is 1 to 3;

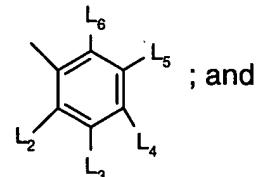
L<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkenyl or C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl;

L<sub>2</sub> and L<sub>6</sub> are each independently of the other H, OH, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, halomethyl;

L<sub>3</sub>, L<sub>5</sub> and L<sub>7</sub> are each independently of one another H, OH, OL<sub>1</sub>, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, halomethyl;

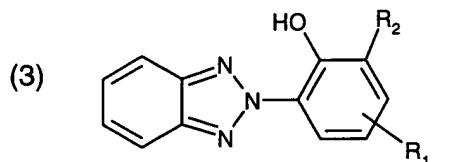
L<sub>4</sub> is H, OH, OL<sub>1</sub>, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, phenyl, halomethyl;

L<sub>12</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, phenyl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl, OL<sub>1</sub> or a group of formula



j is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

17. (amended) A method according to claim 16, which comprises incorporating a benzotriazole of formula



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl; and

R<sub>2</sub> is SO<sub>3</sub>M.

26. (amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein the preparations containing active ingredients are selected from hormone preparations, vitamin preparations, vegetable extract preparations and antibacterial preparations.

#### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 16-30 were pending in this application.

Claims 18, 19, 27, 28 and 30 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 17 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

Claims 16, 20-26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Luther, US Patent 6,090,370.

Claims 16, 20-23, 25, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dumler et al. (GB 2,286,774).

Claims 16, 20-22, 24, 25 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Strobel (US Patent 3,983,132).

Claims 19 and 27-30 have been cancelled.

Claims 16, 17 and 26 have been amended.

Claims 16-18 and 20-26 are presented for reconsideration.

#### REMARKS

The examiner asserts on page 3 of the Office action that the application has no abstract. In the undersigned's copy the abstract is the last page, page 44. Applicants submit herewith a copy as a separate sheet.

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Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the previous Office action, applicants affirmed election of the claims of group I, claims 16-26 and 29 (benzotriazoles of formula 1) for examination. This election was made without traverse. Non-elected claims 19, 27, 28 and 30 have therefore been cancelled without prejudice to applicants' rights to file subsequent divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter. Inventorship is unchanged. However, claim 18 embraces a benzotriazole of formula 1 where m = 2, R<sub>2</sub> is -CH<sub>2</sub>- and R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl (e.g. the disclosed commercial